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PREMIER SHOWING OF UNIVERSITY OF THIRD AGE

Mal Rafferty will be the master of ceremonies at a private, premier showing of a locally produced documentary on the "University of the Third Age," an educational experiment involving senior citizens this past summer at the University of San Diego.

Rafferty served as the director of the University of the Third Age, which attempted to integrate seniors back into the educational process through discussions, readings, physical exercise, and a re-examination of what it means to "grow old" in America.

The program, which involved 52 students, was first conceived by a professor at the University of Toulouse, France, and was brought to the University of San Diego as an experiment in continuing education.

The success of the program was even greater than the organizers had hoped.

"Even after the first few days, the effect was evident," says Rafferty, who also serves as USD's Director of Continuing Education. "People began to open up, to share ideas, to realize that their lives weren't ending---they were just beginning."

The premier showing will be held at the Little America Westgate Hotel on Monday, October 30.

The documentary will air locally over KCST, Channel 39 TV, on Friday, Nov. 3 at 8:30 p.m. It is hosted by veteran actor Jock Mahoney.

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